

## MERELY COMMENT

Funny campaign, isn't it, when candidates are discussing every issue except the one the folks are talking about?

If the religious issue could be discussed without bitterness and reviling it might be a good thing to have open discussion and try to reach some common ground.

But it isn't common Christian practice to turn the other cheek.

The human impulse is to strike back, and strike hard.

There will probably be less bitter personal feeling between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard during their prizefight than there is between Christians in a religious war.

Anyhow, the issue in Chicago has the newspapers guessing and groggy.

They don't know quite how to get their politics on straight.

The Herald's advertising barometer shows it gained 303 columns of ads March 1 to March 29, inclusive.

While the Trib lost 312 and the Exam 413 cols.

It was easy for the Herald to gain because there wasn't much to gain on last year.

But the figures indicate what the business depression is doing to the newspapers that live on advertising.

Now John Bull may take a crack at John Barleycorn, too.

Old John's friends in Great Britain certainly will begin to believe that war is all Gen. Sherman said it was.

The News is kicking up a row because the Thompsonites in Merriam's ward don't enthuse for Merriam.

Perhaps they would if there were a little reciprocity.

Merriam ought to be re-elected, but so long as he is running as a Republican he might as well play the game according to the rules.

The whole town needs Merriam in the city council, however, no matter how he gets jammed up in the mayoralty mess.

Now they're giving Levy Mayer

credit for landing Marian Drake in the Sweitzer column.

Levy is some harmonizer when he can bring all the discordant elements together in the First ward.

## RIOT IN SEATTLE WHEN STREET CAR MEN STRIKE

Seattle, Wash., March 31.—Following a night of rioting as the result of the street car men's strike here, the city was quiet early today. Twelve men were arrested and held without bail on suspicion of cutting trolley wires. The tramway system was practically suspended today and jitneys did a land office business.

Police reserves were held in readiness for any emergency today. The strike was precipitated by the discharge of several employees of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Co. for joining the carmen's union. The strikers' principal demand is for the right to organize.

## MYSTERY IN GIRL'S DEATH

The police are puzzled over the mysterious death of Evelyn Fuery, 21, 2740 N. Ashland, whose body was found this morning in the factory owned by Eugene Dietzen at 958 Fullerton av. Bruises on the head led to the belief that she had been murdered. Josephine Formiller, the dead girl's chum, said that Miss Fuery was still at the factory when she left last night.

## GIRL CAUSES MAN'S ARREST

Shoppers in the vicinity of State and Madison sts. at noon today were treated to the sight of a young girl banging a man around, whom she accused of flirting with her. The girl was Anna Wellstein, 1419 N. Spalding av. The man was Jacob Alles, 3300 Douglas blvd. He was arrested.

## "WHO-IS-SHE"

Newark, N. J.—Lester Duryea, 28, sneezed so hard that he dislocated his shoulder and had to be taken to a hospital.